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Cover Photo

Because the tip of that silver thing is just out of the picture, some of CONCERN's readers may be slightly confused as to the nature of the achievements of this issue's cover girl. Well, that silver thing happens to be a baton, and the girl is a 15-year-old Methodist named Ann-Nita Ekstrom of New Carlisle, Ind. This year she won the national senior baton twirling competition, the youngest champion in history. For more about her, see p. 13.

Forum

KIND WORDS DEPT.

Sirs:

I just want to commend you on the fine job you are doing. Having had a little newspaper experience myself, I know a little about the styles of writing and I think that all of the writing in CONCERN is expert.

I read in "The MYF Beyond the Local Church" that you welcome news items, and so I thought I'd tell you what our MYF is doing.

David Cavnor

Hot Springs, Ark.

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AT ODDS WITH OIL CITY

Sirs:

In addition to those Methodist bodies cited in the 10 June CONCERN who have spoken against UMT and peacetime military training, I wish to point up the California-Nevada Youth House of Representatives which spoke in 1954:

"Realizing that the solving of international problems can potentially affect all people more drastically than any other, we consider it is important for each individual to know exactly where he stands in regard to the war method and alternative possibilities. Therefore, we recommend that each local group emphasize discussion in this area for the above purpose. The committee on war and peace methods reaffirms the Methodist Discipline (1952) in regard to participation and non-participation in time of war."

This same body passed in resolution on UMT and H.R. 5297 in its 1955 session (10 June CONCERN, p. 15).

I oppose UMT and therefore am at odds with the sentiment of the Oil City MYF's resolution (though the resolution states that the group "does not wish to take an active stand either in favor of or against universal military training at this time . . .") The thing which concerns me most about this resolution is the idea that Christian youth groups and the Christian Church should not speak its mind on particular issues of concern which are before a legislative body. And I shudder at the words ". . . the church youth groups, as a whole, should . . . seek to prepare its members and their associates to meet any way of life in which they find their feet set; . . ." We now find our feet set in a situation where military training is a factor in the life of every young man, and here is a group which says we must sit back, take the situation, and try to live with it.

A great hymn of the church prays: "Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore." Are we to resign ourselves to any situation and merely try to meet it, or are we obligated to attempt to form the situations which face our society in such a way that Christ's Kingdom will be a little closer?

George Carter

San Francisco

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The front page

SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

◆ **A slow-moving, lightly armed U.S.** Naval patrol plane was attacked by two Russian MIG jet fighters over international waters between Alaska and Siberia. The plane crash-landed, injuring seven of the eleven crew members. Shortly after his speech to the U. N. Tenth Anniversary Conference in San Francisco, Secretary of State saw Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov and asked for an explanation of the shooting. Molotov said he knew nothing about the incident but would investigate.

◆ **That shooting of an American** plane cast a dark shadow over the United Nation's Tenth Anniversary Conference in San Francisco. While top leaders conferred about the incident, their aides worked on a peace declaration to be read as the final item on the meeting's agenda. The 60 delegations heard speeches for five days, then took a day off for private business and sightseeing.

◆ **In San Francisco, Russia's Molo**tov put before the U.N. conference a bid for "peaceful coexistence" to end the cold war. Molotov pledged the support of the Soviet Union to the U. N. in its continuing efforts to cement peace and restore international trust, then presented a seven-point program for peace. The program includes some things Russia has sought in vain for years, including admission of Red China to the U. N., outlawing of all atomic weapons, and agreement among the great powers to dismantle bases in foreign territories.

◆ **In his speech to the U. N. con**ference, U. S. Secretary of State Dulles rejected Molotov's seven-point program in no uncertain terms. Dulles said the cold war can be ended by nations observing the U. N. Charter, refraining from force, and halting subversion against other countries. Dulles said the seven points are not needed; it is enough to adhere to the U. N. Charter.

◆ **Immunization of school children** against polio continued at a snail's pace, the reason being stiffer safety standards now required in making and testing the Salk vaccine.

◆ **For several days, Argentina's** President Juan D. Peron sat atop a volcano that smouldered, but never did erupt. Peron's police clamped down on Roman Catholic observances, expelled two prelates and raided the homes of over a hundred parish priests in a search for "documents." Later, President Peron announced that a bloody revolt against his government had been put down after a day of bombings and street battles, incited, Peron said, by the Argentine Navy. Peron blamed communists for looting Roman Catholic churches, then put the nation under a state of seige. The Vatican announced that Peron had been excommunicated from the church, but despite rumors that Peron was out as a political ruler, he kept a tight hold on Argentina's government. All 16 ministers in his cabinet resigned in order that Peron may reorganize the government as he wishes.

◆ **Robert T. Stevens, a central figure** in last year's stormy Army-McCarthy hearings, resigned as Secretary of the Army, was replaced by Wilber M. Brucker.

NEWS

The road to wealth

—Interlandi, Register and Tribune Syndicate

"He's figured out how to make some easy money . . . He's going to have the aspirin concession at the Big Four Conference in Geneva."

Methodists give big scholarships

The Methodist Board of Education has awarded scholarships of $2,400 each to three post-graduate students who are planning teaching careers in the field of religion.

The students are Thomas A. Langford, Charlotte, N. C.; William M. Cascini, Schenectady, N. Y., and Frederick T. Trotter, Pasadena, Calif. All are ordained ministers of The Methodist Church.

The awards are known as the Dempster Fellowships, given last year for the first time. "Primary purpose of the fellowships is to discover and train future teachers for our ten Methodist seminaries and for religion departments of other colleges and universities," says Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, director of the Methodist Board's Department of Theological Schools and chairman of the awards committee. He said the grants may be used in any recognized graduate school for study in any field related to theology or the teaching of religion.

Langford is now studying philosophical theology at Duke University. He is a graduate of Duke's divinity school and Davidson College, and is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Cascini is doing graduate work in sociology of religion at New York University. He is a graduate of Asbury College and the Iliff School of Theology. He is a member of the South Dakota Conference.

Trotter is studying for his doctorate in systematic theology at Boston University, where he received his bachelor of divinity degree. He is also a graduate of Occidental College. Last year he was elected a fellow of the National Council on Religion in Higher Education. He is a member of the Southern California-Arizona Conference.

Columnist takes special appointment

Claud Nelson, Jr., contributor of columns and articles to CONCERN since its founding and member of the experimental Christian community at Koinonia Farm, Americus, Ga., is on a year's leave of absence from Koinonia to live and teach among the Hutterian Brethren.

With Mrs. Nelson, the former Billie Davis, Agnes Scott College graduate, he plans to teach eight grades in the one-room schoolhouse at the Forest River Colony, Fordville, N. D. Two of the four Nelson children will attend the school. Nelson is preparing by studying this summer at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

Koinonia and Forest River share at least two beliefs in common—that of living and working together as a Christian fellowship with a common purse like the early Christians in the Book of Acts, and that of Christian pacifism or non-violence as a way of life.

Nelson expects to contribute to CONCERN several articles on life among the Hutterian Brethren and the Christian community approach in general.

The columnist holds the B. A. and M. A. degrees in journalism from Emory University. He was sports writer for an Atlanta paper, then on the staff of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

DELEGATES—PLEASE NOTE

If you are planning to attend the National Convocation of Methodist Youth this August, here are some very important words for you from the Convocation office:

You will receive shortly from Purdue University a very important packet of materials. It will include: (1) a map of the Purdue campus, (2) a booklet of Convocation facts, which you should read very carefully, (3) your official credential sheet for the Convocation on which is a notation of your assigned residence hall and room number, and (4) your meal ticket, which assures you of meals beginning with supper Monday evening, August 22, through lunch on Friday, August 26.

Bring the contents of this packet to Purdue. It is especially important that you have with you your credential sheet and meal ticket.

The facts booklet includes all the information you will need before you arrive at Purdue on that August Monday. You will receive no more material from Purdue or from the Convocation office. See you there!

Four 3's return to mission work

Four young women, each a former "3", were commissioned missionaries of The Methodist Church by Bishop Richard C. Raines at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., June 20. They will be returning this fall to the countries where they got their first taste of missionary life.

Two A-3's will be sailing for Southern Rhodesia to resume teaching careers and two J-3's will be returning to Japan, one to teach and one to do both educational and social work.

All four joined the Fellowship of Christian Service (the three-year missionary program) straight out of college, where each had been active in some phase of campus religious life—MSM, Wesley Foundation, Student Christian Association. And without exception, they came home after their three years as fledgling missionaries eager to get more training and return to the field. They will serve under the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions.

Bishop Raines, who is president of the Board's Division of World Missions and presiding bishop of the Indianapolis Area, commissioned the four as part of a national workshop held June 14-22 for Methodist missionaries and Christian nationals in this country. The 125 persons at the DePauw workshop considered the place of the church and the Christian missionary in a changing world. Many there were young missionaries waiting to sail for their first field assignment or were missionary candidates still in school.

Miss Clark

Miss Emmert

Miss Givens

Miss Russell

The four newly commissioned missionaries:

Miss Esther Joyce Russell, Rome, Pa., an A-3 in 1951. She will return to Southern Rhodesia, where she formerly taught at the Nyadiri mission. At the Mansfield State Teachers College, Mansfield, Pa., she was in both the Methodist College Fellowship and the YWCA. Last year she studied at Drew University, Madison, N. J.

Miss Helen Emmert, Mt. Carroll, Ill., another 1951 A-3. She, too, will return to Rhodesia to teach. Her special term assignment was as teacher at the Mutambara mission. She was active in the SCA at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kans. Last year, she was a student at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

Miss Elizabeth Jane Clarke, Eau Claire, Wis., was one of the first J-3's (1948). A teacher, she will go back to Japan, possibly to Fukuoka, where she taught English three years in the Christian girls' high school. She was a graduate student last year at both Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University in New York. She was in the Wesley Foundation at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Miss Anna Givens, Lafayette, La., was a J-3 in 1950. Like the others, she is returning to her first field, Japan, where she taught English and did social work at Kagoshima. At Southwestern Louisiana Institute at Lafayette, she was a Wesley Foundation member and an MYF counselor. She received a master's degree in religious education from Scarritt College, Nashville, this June.

Bishop Raines also commissioned at the same time Miss Miriam de Haas of Washington, D. C., who will be the treasurer for all Woman's Division of Christian Service work in Korea. A lawyer and former government worker, Miss de Haas was a Presbyterian (U.S.) missionary to Korea from 1921 to 1925.

Seminar to discuss vocations counseling

Suppose you were a pastor, a director of Christian education, or other adult who works with youth, and a young person came to you for counsel on the choice of a vocation. Just how would you go about steering that person in the right direction?

To answer this question in the best possible way is one of the aims of a seminar on counseling for church vocations to be held next week, July 11-16, at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.

The seminar has been planned primarily for persons who want to increase their skill in guiding youth interested in full-time church vocations, according to Richard G. Belcher, secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations and chairman of the seminar.

Some time will be devoted to considering the basis of a Christian philosophy of vocation and how to carry out recruitment and guidance programs in both the annual conference and the local church. Interviewing, recording information and other techniques used in counseling will be observed and practiced by seminar members.

Resource leaders include Robert Elliott, professor of counseling and mental health at Perkins School of Theology; Stanley Martin of the Division of Educational Institutions and Miss Lilla Mills of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education.

DeWolf sails for Africa

L. Harold DeWolf, noted professor of systematic theology at Boston University School of Theology, sailed late last month for Africa, where he will spend his sabbatical year studying methods of theological education throughout Central Africa, speaking at church conferences and teaching in the schools for native pastors.

DeWolf is a popular leader in conferences of the Methodist Student Movement. His most recent book, *Trends and Frontiers of Religious Thought*, was published this spring by the MSM and will be used extensively this coming year by local MSM groups.

Assigned by the Methodist Board of Missions, DeWolf will work under Bishop Newell S. Booth, Methodist administrator and missionary in Africa. Mrs. DeWolf and their two youngest sons are also making the trip. The boys will attend the British school at Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, this year.

Discussing his forthcoming work in Central Africa, DeWolf stated, "I think there is no continent in the world where there is such a fluid situation that can be readily affected by education at this time as Africa. Also there is no area in Africa which is likely to play so critical a role as the Federation of Central Africa. Certainly there is no more important aspect of the situation than the training of responsible and wise African leadership."

His first assignment is speaking each day at the Rhodesia Annual Conference, August 15-22.

Some 27 Negro clergymen and church leaders called on the President to ask him to back up the Supreme Court's decision on school segregation. They asked the President to insist that no federal aid be given institutions or recreation areas practicing discrimination. Methodist Bishop Edgar A. Love is presdient of the council they represent.

VIEWS

Job ahead

Americans talk about peace. We are basically a peace-loving people.

So it has always bothered some citizens that we had in our national government a "war" department, then a "defense" department, but no "peace" department. Many churchmen have been among the individuals and groups asking for some staff position in national government that would be concerned primarily with ways of making peace.

Last spring, that dream was realized. Last March 19, President Eisenhower announced the creation of a new position of cabinet rank: special assistant to the President to deal with problems of disarmament. He said this move was appropriate to "our constant objective of peace."

As the first man to hold the job, the President appointed Harold E. Stassen, one-time governor of Minnesota and then an officer in the U. S. Navy. Until last month he has been administrator of the Foreign Operations Administration, but the work of that agency has been turned over to other branches of the government. As of this month, Stassen is working full-time on disarmament and ways to peace.

According to the White House, this is the first time that any government has established a post of cabinet rank on disarmament.

The new post includes the following duties: "To take into account the full implications of new weapons in the possession of other nations as well as the United States, to consider future probabilities of armaments, and to weigh the views of the military and the civilians and the officials of our Government and other Governments." The chief responsibiilty of this cabinet officer will be to develop on behalf of the President and the State Department, "the board studies, investigations, and conclusions which, when concurred in by the National Security Council and approved by the President will become basic policy toward the question of disarmament."

Pointing the way

—Shoemaker in Chicago Daily News

The important thing about the new post is that it is a symbol. It symbolizes to other nations our genuine concern for disarmament and peace.

For us, it offers a real opportunity to express Christian concern and to communicate to an officer of the national government what is our best thinking for programs of world order. Mr. Stassen encouraged individuals to send him their plans and proposals for peace. One group's proposals are printed on page 8. Send CONCERN your ideas too. Peacemaking is a job for us all.

A letter on peace

(Read editorial, p. 7)

Dear Mr. Stassen:

Congratulations on your recent appointment for work in the field of disarmament. We are grateful for this recognition by our government of the need for disarmament and the development of constructive alternatives to war.

Your call for suggestions on how to approach this task is sound and democratic. As citizens and as members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation we are happy for this occasion to make suggestions in response to your request.

We believe there are two fundamental tasks your office might undertake. One is to influence American foreign policy with a view to avoiding acts that may be misinterpreted abroad as evidence of an unfriendly attitude by the United States. The other is to create, through widespread education, a climate of public opinion in this country favorable to disarmament and to friendly relations among nations.

Here are some specific steps that might be taken:

1. The United States should announce willingness to settle disputes—like the Formosa issue—through the United Nations.

2. Hold top level conferences with other governments with a view toward disarmament. Your office should encourage policy pronouncements favoring disarmament, such as Senate Resolution 71 (sponsored, among others, by our own Senators Ives and Lehman).

3. Stop atomic weapon tests by this country and urge other countries to do the same. Encourage more rapid development of peaceful uses of atomic energy, such as the atom-powered merchant ship proposed by President Eisenhower.

4. Step up technical assistance and economic aid to underdeveloped countries. Offer such aid without strings and press the Soviet Union and China to accept teams and/or aid without strings, but without Communist strings (i. e., control) also.

5. Use all available channels to educate the American public to a concept of brotherhood and world patriotism. Continue and encourage exchange programs, such as the student and teacher exchanges. Encourage the American press to take a positive attitude toward international problems.

6. Spend half a billion dollars to train literacy leaders here and abroad and to train journalists who will create simple democratic and technical literature for new literates. Provide for printing such materials.

7. Start a magazine entitled "Peace," for cheap world-wide distribution, to describe what the U.S. is doing to promote peace, and also what the UN and other nations are doing by way of promoting reconciliation.

8. Create under the "Department of Peace" forces and institutions parallel to those of the Defense Department. Among these might be: a. A corps of young men who renounce use of force and will develop discipline on Gandhian lines, to be dispatched to aid the UN in threatening areas, much as the Indian forces were used in Korea. b. A "Bureau of Reconciliation" with an advisory board of men of different faiths, to propose ways to solve international disputes peacefully. c. A "Peace College" at which young men and women will be trained in peaceful ways to settle disputes, graduates to be used in the peace corps (a), as researchers with the "Bureau of Reconciliation" (b), in diplomatic service.

Thank you for your interest in our proposals. May your work meet with success.

Sincerely yours,
Syracuse (N. Y.) Chapter
Fellowship of Reconciliation

On a wide circuit

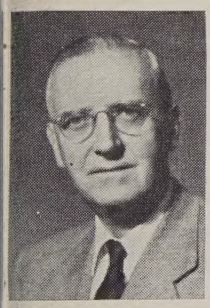
'We pray or we perish'

At least two members of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission have recently been pointing to man's faith in God and man's prayer to God as necessary in increasing degree in the atomic age—if man is to survive on earth. They have been speaking of "a new moral maturity," of "ultimate reliance upon an omnipotent Providence," and "the power of prayer" as essential if we are not to perish.

One could wish that more of these statements by men who know the potentials of atomic power might find their way into public prints.

Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the AEC, declared recently, "Nevertheless, we know that weapons alone cannot banish fears of war nor bring to the peoples of the world the bounties of peace."

"In the dim reaches of pre-history," continued the admiral, "man found that fire could warm him, or consume his house and family. Later he discovered explosives and learned that they were capable of killing him or his enemies, but also could serve his mines and industries. The first airplanes, in the memory of many of us here, were developed as weapons of war rather than means of transportation. Now man has discovered atomic energy which can greatly benefit or terribly injure him. And, as was true of those earlier discoveries, this latest capacity for destruction on a gigantic scale is balanced by the equally heroic dimensions of benign use. *The choice, now, as always, lies with man himself.*



Reid

"All of us are here today, alive, because at many junctures in history, our forefathers—undismayed by the particular fears which haunted their times—took courage from faith and transmitted faith down through succeeding generations to us. In consequence, despite the ferocity of men and the ruthlessness of weapons, we have survived. It is not aggression and force that are synonymous with strength and survival. Only faith is truly and invincibly strong and viable . . .

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"Let me hasten to say that I am not one of those who believe that war is necessarily inevitable. For one thing, my faith teaches me otherwise. I do not believe that the Creator has allowed man to evolve to this point, only to pervert his gifts to destroy at one breath all of man's achievements, the monuments of his culture, the accumulated treasure of the ages—indeed, all the evidences of God's continuing love and grace. But also, *I do not believe that we can save ourselves by inaction.*"

AEC Commissioner Thomas E. Murray suggests that atomic energy—and the devastating possibilities of the bomb—should have "value as a stimulant to a *new moral maturity*"—a new weapon serving the cause of peace, a deterrent to immoral aggression. (Perhaps each new generation thought its "new weapons" would do just that!)

"Perhaps there is one lesson that God wants men to learn from the fact that they now possess a new kind of force," says Mr. Murray. "History is the record of man's selfish and irresponsible uses of force. But now man cannot afford to be selfish or irresponsible; for the result would be his own destruction."

On another occasion, Mr. Murray pleaded for America to return to "the same faith in God and trust in prayer which our forefathers had in such abundance." He sums it all up: "We pray or we perish."

This last I can accept only if *to pray* is an *active verb*—if we *do something* about our subject of prayer.

—BY W.W.REID

Disaster bank is project idea

A new use to make of your piggy bank is to convert it into a disaster relief bank.

The disaster relief bank is one of the projects suggested for local MYF groups as part of the 1955 fall action project of the Youth Emphasis. The fall action project will lift up the theme, "Toward Christian World Community," and will provide projects of worship, study, discussion and action in the areas of missions, world peace and overseas relief.

From time to time many people are made destitute by flood, fire, earthquake, typhoon, war. These victims of disaster look to the church for aid. It is hoped that money given for such emergency relief will have no strings attached and can be used by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief wherever the need is greatest at the time.

Money saved in the disaster banks might be brought to the MYF at one time, perhaps Thanksgiving, and then it should be sent to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11. The Youth Department in Nashville hopes that there will be many "fat pigs" brought to local MYF's around Thanksgiving time and that they will be a source of relief to many disaster victims.

Those wanting more information on such projects should write the Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, and ask for "Suggestions for MYF Fall Action Project (No. 2440-B). Copies are free for use in local churches.

Dedication card used to register commitments

All Methodists should be familiar with a procedure by which Methodist youth are given an opportunity to dedicate themselves to the Christian life.

The Youth Department of the General Board of Education has prepared for distribution to young people a card, "My Dedication to the Christian Life," which may be used by the young person in pledging himself to Christian life or service.

The card begins, "After careful consideration of the meaning of the Christian way of life, I hereby pledge myself to serve God and His Kingdom." Then follow statements, to be checked, of a number of ways in which youth may dedicate themselves to Christian vocations. One of these statements is: "I will select a life work in accordance with what I can discover to be God's will for my life, and use it for Christian service." Cards having this statement checked are sent to the Youth Department for follow-up by the boards and agencies concerned.

"The use of the card should be strictly a matter of individual action, without pressure from any individual, small groups, or the whole group," says Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department. "The young people should understand that the card is merely an instrument to help them record any steps they have taken, or may now want to take, in connection with the Christian life, that they do it only if they want to and feel ready to, and that it is a matter between the individual and God."

Many cards are distributed each year at summer institutes and as-

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Friends of CONCERN

WHEREVER YOUTH GET TOGETHER THIS SUMMER, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONCERN REPRESENTATIVE TO SAY A GOOD WORK FOR THE NEWSMAGAZINE OF METHODIST YOUTH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SPREAD THE GOOD WORD ABOUT CONCERN, DROP US A CARD TODAY. THE LIST BELOW INCLUDES SOME SPECIAL FRIENDS WHO HAVE SENT IN FIVE OR MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS AT ONE TIME. WHEN CAN WE PUT YOUR NAME HERE?

Joyce Malicky, Kans.	5
Tommy Chilton, Va.	8
Mrs. Fannie Kennedy, Ohio	13
Larry Young, Kans.	15
Marty Bussert, Ill.	18
Elaine Roberts, Kans.	7
Ray McClelland, Mo.	11
Nila Thrailkill, Iowa	16
Virginia Turlington and other N. C. representatives	30
Fae Marie Beck, Tex.	11

semblies when dedication-commitment services are held. During 1954 more than 2000 Methodist young people committed themselves to some type of Christian service, according to records in the Youth Department.

In recruiting youth for Christian service, pastors or youth workers who wish to make use of this card should write for "My Dedication to the Christian Life" (No. 2277-C) from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2. Sample copy free, $1.00 per hundred.

Promote home worship for Thanksgiving

For the first time since it has been in existence the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education is promoting worship in the home as a part of the observance of the Thanksgiving season. This is the first project of its kind to be undertaken by any of the Protestant denominations, according to Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the department.

The department is making available an attractive folder, *Thanksgiving Worship in the Home.*

Written by Harold W. Ewing, director of the Youth Department, and Mrs. Ewing, the folder places special emphasis upon the fact that Thanksgiving implies a sharing by those who have much with those who have little. With his thought in mind, the observance of Thanksgiving in the home, as outlined by the authors of the folder, is tied in with the Fall action project of the Youth Emphasis.

While the folder was written especially for families where they are young people, it will be equally useful in homes where there are primary and junior children. It contains an unusually helpful worship program for Thanksgiving Day, including a Litany of Thanks, and suggestions as to opportune times for worship (breakfast, mid-morning), suitable worship settings, projects to which the Thanksgiving offering may be directed, prayer resources, and suitable Scripture and hymns.

Many pastors will want to order the folder in quantities to distribute to the families in their churches. Order *Thanksgiving Worship in the Home* (No. 3066-C) from Service Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2. Price is 30 cents a dozen, $2.00 a hundred, cash or check with order.

Intermediates' projects in Youth Emphasis

Leaders of intermediates have already played an important part in the Youth Emphasis. It is expected they will play a still more important part in the months to come by participating in activities suggested by the Youth Department.

These activities should result in great improvement in intermediate work in local churches. The projects are the Fall Action project of the MYF, the special Lenten Reading Project for intermediates for spring 1956, and observance of the annual Christian Adventure Week.

Theme of the Fall Action project is "Toward Christian World Community." Dates are October 23 to December 11. The subject of the Lenten Reading Project will be *The Life of Jesus* appearing serially during the spring of 1956 in *Twelve/Fifteen*, the story paper for intermediates. A free packet of materials for Christian Adventure Week for the summer of 1956 may be ordered from the Youth Department.

New mission films now available

Through interdenominational agencies in which churches work together, two new sound motion pictures have been released.

In the Face of Jeopardy has been produced to use with the foreign mission study theme for 1955-56, "Christian Misisons in a Revolutionary World." It portrays the experience of Mr. Crane, an American manager of a tin mine, whose life is saved from a Communist booby-trap by his Chinese houseboy, a Christian. Crane decides to find out why his houseboy should risk his life for him and so visits the Christian missionary work to see why he had the spirit to do it. The film is in color, 28 minutes long, and is adapted for use for intermediates and older. It can be rented from the Methodist Publishing House, for $12.

Song of the Shining Mountains is for use with the home mission theme

for 1955-56 "Indian Americans." It is the story of a young man, educated under Christian guidance in a mission school. He is depressed when his father sells the ancestral land and moves into a shack in town. He tries the old ancestral traditions to bring him peace, but it is only by surrender to the Christian faith that he finds satisfaction.

The film is in color, available through the Publishing House, for $12. It is slanted to the age of intermediates and older.

Malaya paintings for display

A collection of about 75 beautiful paintings by a Malayan artist is available for display in local churches.

These pictures were sent to this country by Dr. Herbert Peterson, of Penang, Malaya, in the hope that they may be sold and the proceeds used to help build a school in Penang. They have been donated by Mr. Abdullah Ariff, the artist. The paintings have been shown in several churches to the delight of many.

If you are interested in displaying the paintings in your church, additional information may be obtained by writing Dr. J. A. Engle, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11.

Turn-over chart gives temperance answers

A striking new 30-page turn-over chart on the alcohol problem is now available.

Titled *Citizens Solve Problems*, the chart approaches the drinking question on the basis of citizenship responsibility. Its pages suggest, "Good citizens help solve social problems," then go on to demonstrate the effects of beverage alcohol in a complex modern society.

The presentation is designed for use with any age group and can easily be adapted for church or non-church groups. It will be especially helpful in the public schools.

New statistical material is carefully documented in an extensive leader's guide which also contains page by page lecture notes. The chart's pages are 29½ by 41½ inches, printed in red and black on heavy paper, and designed for maximum readability.

Cost of the *Citizens Solve Problems* visual aid, complete with sturdy metal easel and documented leader's guide, is $34.50. It comes packed in a strong cardboard tube for easy handling. Order from TEM Press, 100 Maryland Ave. N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

Things to write for

◆ **"Special Resources" for youth and** their adult workers. It is a comprehensive listing of agencies, guidance materials, credit and non-credit courses for each age group and for adult workers in local churches, weekend institutes, camps, assemblies, and institutes. Ask for No. 2009-B from the Service Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2. Single copies free.

◆ **"Family Fun," a six-page leaflet** with suggestions for games and family activities. It is one of a series of eight leaflets known as "Family Fun Kit." Set costs 15 cents, or this one leaflet may be ordered for 20 cents per dozen. No. 3057-C from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2.

◆ **"The Words of Christ Commonly** Quoted For or Against War," an excellent study and resource booklet. It was originally published in 1929 as part of a program "to ascertain the mind of the church on the subject of the Christian attitude toward war," but is just as timely and useful in 1955. Bibliography is somewhat out of date but biblical references remain the same of course. Copies are 15 cents from the Board of World Peace, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11. The board will be glad to send copies of this booklet and other materials on consignment to interested groups.

◆ **"Plowshares and Pruning Hooks,"** the excellent study booklet prepared this year as part of Methodism's Crusade for World Order. Price has been reduced to 25 cents per copy, 20 cents each in quantities of 50 or more. Cash preferred, but consignment orders still accepted. Order from Central Promotional Office, 740 Rush St., Chicago 11.

◆ **The revised edition of "Supply** List," an annual catalog of needs of institutions and mission projects related to The Methodist Church. Ask for No. 2278-B, free from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2.

Methodist girl wins top twirling honors

Ann-Nita Ekstrom has more than fulfilled a vow she made seven years ago.

It all began when she enviously watched the drum majors and majorettes of the high school band in New Carlisle, Ind., as they pranced and strutted with their twirling batons. She vowed one day she would be one of them.

Now 15, Ann-Nita has surpassed her brightest former hopes. She has won 95 trophies, many medals and cash awards, five queen titles and about 12 championships in various age groups. In January she became the youngest person ever to win the national senior baton twirling championship.

This spring she decided to turn professional, making her one of the youngest professional baton twirlers in the country. This summer she is meeting some professional engagements. In amateur competition the solo was Ann-Nita's specialty, but for her new work she will team with a five-year-old twirler from Illinois.

Ann-Nita began twirling when she was eight. Since then she has traveled 54,000 miles through 27 states, to give performances and participate in contests. Her enthusiastic parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ekstrom, built a high-ceiling room at home for her use in practicing and teaching.

Active in MYF

Ann-Nita is an active MYF'er, too. She had a five year perfect attendance record for church school until one Sunday on a return trip from New York she was unable to attend anywhere. She was president of her local MYF for two years, subdistrict vice president last year and president this year. She is chairman of Christian fellowship program area in the district.

MYF in action

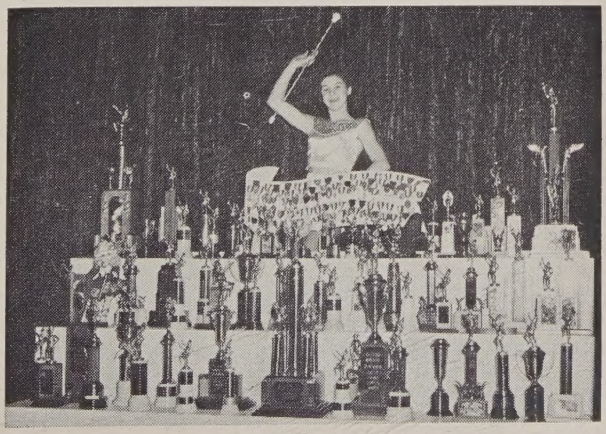
Ohio youth goes to Y centennial

A Negro youth of Columbus, Ohio, Chester Jones, will represent the YMCA of Ohio State University at the YMCA centennial world conference of young men and young women to be held in Paris, France, August 12-23.

Jones is a member of Centenary Methodist Church and a former president of the MYF of the Columbus District of the Lexington Conference. He is a sophomore in the College of Commerce at Ohio State.

On the European trip, Jones will be a member of the student life seminar sponsored by the national YMCA. This month the group is attending a Student Christian Movement conference in London, then will visit the university at Bonn, Germany, and study student life in that country. In early August, the group will visit world headquarters of the YMCA and YWCA.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Wesleyan Service Guild, friends in Centenary church and others in the community have cooperated to raise some funds for Jones' trip.



Ann-Nita Ekstrom, 15, has won 116 medals, 95 trophies, and many other prizes for her excellence in baton twirling. (See story above.)

MYF Roundup

◆ **Because more than half of the** Methodist churches in Louisiana have memberships under 250, the Louisiana Conference MYF has decided to put special emphasis this coming year on small church MYF's. Program will include such activities as "big brother" systems between strong and weak MYF's, and charge-wide groups for charges with more than one church. Some 160 youth from 120 churches came to Centenary College in Shreveport in early June for MYF annual conference, the first four-day meeting of its kind the conference MYF had ever held. Delton Pickering was re-elected president.

◆ **Although it has no membership** roll as yet and only eight regular members, the MYF of Tigert Memorial church in Hot Springs, Ark., has its own newspaper called "The MYF Courier." It is a twelve-page paper with editorials and regular columns. Every MYF'er has some job assignment on the paper.

◆ **Some 700 youth and adult leaders** attended the Erie Conference MYF spring assembly early last month in Meadville, Pa. At the same time an informal meeting was held in another church for any intermediates desiring to come. Afternoon program included group singing, business session for official delegates and discussion groups for others. Featured speaker in the evening was Henry Hitt Crane of Detroit, pastor of Central church there. Vonnie Rudolph presided over sessions, helped install Robert Johnson of Oil City as new conference president.

◆ **Some 29 youth of First church in** Midland, Mich., made a bus trip to Chicago, under the sponsorship of the Christian Social Relations committee of the church. The trip was planned to help youth learn about other races and nationalities and about factors unfamiliar in their home environments. Four adults accompanied the youth on the trip.

◆ **Central Texas held its first MYF** annual conference June 11 at Poly church in Ft. Worth. Summer opportunities, fall and summer action projects, the MYFund, CONCERN and POWER were presented. Some 250 delegates took part in the business session. That night, some 1500 heard Larry Eisenberg of Nashville in a climactic inspirational address.

◆ **Mountain hikes are among the** summer projects for Methodist youth in the Pacific Northwest Conference. A weekend hike July 2-4 followed the Skagit River in the Diablo—Ross dam area. A cascade mountain hike is set for August 7-13 in the fabulous region around the head of Lake Chelan.

◆ **Some 400 youth from the South-**west Texas conference attended a two-day officer training conference at Mt. Wesley June 18-19. Featured speaker was Richard Thompson, president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth. Program features included three socio-dramas on the local MYF, the MYF council, and the MYF program. Freddy Trevino of San Antonio was elected conference president.

Older youth group clicks in Dakota

Three years ago, a group known as the Fellowshippers was organized at First church in Sioux Falls, S. D. In the three years, the group has served well the two purposes of its founding.

First was to fill the needs of young people who had graduated from high school and the senior MYF, but who were not ready to join the Young Adult Fellowship. Second purpose was to meet the special interests of some college youth in the church.

From the beginning, the summer program of the group has centered around outdoor activities. Winter program is integrated more closely with the other three youth groups of the church.

Once a month all four groups meet together for an evening meal.

Group experiences have ranged from picnics and out-of-town excursions to several community projects. Three times they have "adopted" needy families from the community, helping them with good, clothing, and toys for the youngsters. Present project is collecting clothes for a German orphanage.

The group was begun through the foresight and perception of Henry Lewis, then pastor of the church, and the leadership and enthusiasm of Clair Mitchell, then a pre-ministerial student.

Junaluska regional affirms race stand

One of the six regional training conferences of the Methodist Student Movement is held each year at Lake Junaluska, N. C. The 43-year-old assembly grounds are owned and operated as a summer program headquarters of Methodism's Southeastern Jurisdiction.

For years the MSM regional has been a fully integrated conference. However, assembly rules do not permit persons of all races to swim in the lake. From time to time other restrictions have been removed, but the swimming ban has remained.

So the 1955 regional conference of the MSM followed the pattern of previous conferences and expressed its views and feelings. A general resolution was adopted without opposition by 375 delegates from 90 colleges and universities in the south.

The resolution commended the trustees of the assembly for "the progress that has been made under their leadership and for developments in recent years that have enabled us to meet as an inclusive student fellowship, with delegates invited from all our campus groups in the southern states."

The students emphasized that "in previous years we have asked, and we now repeat our request with a new sense of urgency, for a correction in regulations that would make it possible for us to maintain our unified and unbroken fellowship while on the grounds of the assembly." Then the group took what has become a traditional stand of the conference, students pledging themselves not to swim in the lake until the restrictions have been removed.

"We wish to reaffirm the traditional stand of this conference in that we oppose racial discrimination in all forms as contrary to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ," the resolution declared.

"Under one God, Father of us all, we are brothers. We grieve over barriers which would prevent us from uniting as an inclusive fellowship. We are noting with deep interest and prayerful thanksgiving the signs of progress in this area of Christian concern, among them the Supreme Court decision declaring

MSM in action

unconstitutional racial segregation in public schools. We hereby pledge our cooperation in our own state areas as this opportunity for democracy is faced . . ."

The Board of Trustees, composed of ministers and laymen and including nine bishops, will hold its annual meeting at the lake July 29-31. Some student leaders were hoping for a positive action at that session.

Ministers-in-industry under way at Boston

From ten states across the nation, 20 present or future theological students reported at Boston University the middle of June, looking for a job doing manual labor.

These men are the ministers-in-industry project now in its third year. It is directed by Emerson W. Smith, industrial relations chaplain for the Methodist churches of New England.

During ten weeks of the program, the men will work an eight-hour day, rush home to clean up and eat, then three or four nights a week will attend a two-hour seminar at the school of theology—a session which often continues into the night as students discus problems and questions arising from their jobs. In addition, each student is responsible for 300 pages a week of reading in the field of industrial relations and a term paper due at the conclusion of the course on some one topic.

For the seminar itself, there is no textbook, but instead the group hears leaders from management, labor, insurance, banking, etc., all presenting their point of view and answering the barrage of questions concerning industry and the role the minister can play in relation to it.

As the men arrived in Boston, they started job-hunting. Assignments included work in the shipping department of a department store, clipping lawns along state highways, and working on the sanitary squad at a rubber factory.

A MEDITATION

In Holy Scripture we read,
"A man's life does not
Consist in the abundance of
His possessions." "A man's
Life is not made up of the
Things which he has."
Abundant life is enriched
Body, mind, spirit, and
Is part animal, part angel.
Disaster comes when body is
Gorged and spirit is
Starved, when things are in
The saddle and ride men. The
Human soul is not made to
Lie in the pasture chewing
It's cud, staring without
Comprehension at the glories
Of life. Our Father knows
That we need food, clothing,
Shelter. Through his care
And the cooperation of the
Brethren, these things can
Be provided with a minimum
Of our energy. Man is
Not made for the kitchen
Alone, but for the living
Room, the shop, the library,
The studio, the garden, the
Observatory, the chapel.
A man's life consists in his
Pursuit of truth, his search
For beauty, his commitment
To goodness. He is most
Alive when he dreams and is
Filled with longings
For the unattained, and
Stretches every nerve to
Reach the goal. His radiant
Joys come from relationships
When he is right with God
And with his fellows. His
Holiest privilege and
Sternest duty is to be a
Good member of his Father's
Home. Thus the sensible
Person spends less time
In the struggle for things,
And more time in the effort
To be at home in the
Invisible world of the
Spirit. He trains his
Animal-nature to be the
Carrier of his aspirations
And yearnings as a child of
The Eternal, destined for
A life of faith and hope
And love on this earth and
In the world to come.

—By Kirby Pag